

BOROUGH OF DEVIZES

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1953



MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1953 on the Public Health and Sanitary Administration for the Borough,

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Public Health Department,
The Chequers, Devizes.

G. H. H. WAYLEN,
Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	1391 acres
Population	...	...	...	...	7920
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	...	2873
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£56,008
Product of rd. rate	...	...	...	...	£218 10s. 11d.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births	84	73	157
Legitimate	76	72	148
Illegitimate	8	1	9

Live Birth Rate

Borough (Crude)	19.7
(Adjusted)	19.88
England and Wales	15.5
Comparability Factor	1.01

Still Births

Legitimate	—	2	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Death Rate

Borough (Crude)	17.55
(Adjusted)	15.26
England and Wales	11.4
Comparability Factor	0.87

Deaths of Infants under One Year

All Infants	2	—	2
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	2	—	2

Infantile Mortality Rate

Borough	12.74
England and Wales	26.8

Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of Age

All Infants	2	—	2
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	2	—	2

Maternal Mortality Rate

Borough	Nil
England and Wales	0.76 per 1,000

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.	T.		M.	F.	T.
1. Tuberculosis—Respiratory	—	—	—	20. Other Heart Diseases	8	12	20
2. Tuberculosis—Other Forms	—	—	—	21. Other Circulatory Diseases	4	2	6
3. Syphilitic Disease	1	—	1	22. Influenza	2	—	2
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—	23. Pneumonia	4	8	12
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—	24. Bronchitis	1	—	1
6. Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	—	1
8. Measles	—	—	—	27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhœa	—	1	1
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—	28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm (Stomach)	1	1	2	29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	—	2
11. Malignant Neoplasm (Lung and Bronchus)	2	—	2	30. Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	—	—	—
12. Malignant Neoplasm (Breast)	—	2	2	31. Congenital Malformations	1	—	1
13. Malignant Neoplasm (Uterus)	—	1	1	32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	6	2	8
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	2	5	7	33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	1	1
15. Leukemia and Aleukemia	—	2	2	34. All other Accidents	—	—	—
16. Diabetes	—	—	—	35. Suicide	1	1	2
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	10	13	23	36. Homicide and Operations of War	—	—	—
18. Coronary Disease: Angina	25	14	39				
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	1	2				
				Totals	73	66	139

Satisfactory features are the absence of deaths from Notifiable Infections (paras. 4-9 incl.); from Tuberculosis (paras. 1 and 2); and of Maternal deaths (para. 30).

(1) Respiratory Lesions (paras. 22-25 incl.) caused 15 deaths, not quite 11%.

(2) Malignant Diseases (paras. 10-14 incl.) were responsible for 14 deaths (10%).

(3) Diseases of the Cardiovascular System (paras. 17-21 incl.) were attributable for well over half the deaths (90) 64.9%.

Thus, three-quarters of the total deaths are caused by lesions predominantly affecting the later age groups, those in paras. (2) and (3) above.

GENERAL PROVISION FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Medical Officer of Health: G. H. H. WAYLEN, M.B., D.P.H. (Cantab).

Sanitary Inspector: K. WILDEY, M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B., C.G.L.I. (San. Eng.), Royal Sanitary Institute Certificates for Meat and Other Foods Inspection and Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works.

Committee

Four Committees of your Council are concerned with Public Health matters. (1) The Health and Housing Committee; (2) The General Committee, dealing with sewerage, drainage and disposal of refuse; (3) The Water Committee, controlling the public water supply; and (4) The Borough Property Committee, as being responsible for the upkeep of close on a hundred old dwellings, most of them substandard and many of which should be demolished and replaced as soon as possible.

Ambulance Services, Maternity and Child Welfare Services, Clinics—Orthopædic and Psychiatric, etc.

All these services are under the control of the Wiltshire County Council and are reported on by the Chief Medical Officer to that Body.

Maternity Services

DEVIZES AND DISTRICT MATERNITY HOSPITAL (15 Beds).

Institutional Confinements (Borough)

Devizes Maternity Hospital	Live Births	164
	Still Births	1
Other Maternity Hospitals	Live Births	8
	Still Births	Nil

Domiciliary Confinements

Live Births	25
Still Births	1

The local Maternity Hospital and others continued to be used in preference to the home. One child in eight was born at home.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Scarlet Fever	6
Whooping Cough	46
Measles	186
Acute Pneumonia	1
Erysipelas	1

A light year, free from occurrence of the more serious infections.

Devizes and District Hospital

Total Bed Complement	60		
Average Daily No. of Occupied Beds	45.98		
	M.	F.	Total
Total Number of Admissions	556	588	1144
PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPT.			
Out-Patient Attendances			11038
In-Patient Attendances			884
RADIOLOGICAL DEPT.			
Out-Patient Attendances			464
In-Patient Attendances			2896
OUT-PATIENT DEPT.			
No. of New Out-Patients			3326
No. of Attendances			9878
PATHOLOGICAL DEPT.			
No. of Visits—I.P. and O.P.			6162
NO. OF OPERATIONS			
Major			121
Intermediate			166
Minor			663

Plans for a new Out-Patient Department of adequate size and scope were passed; permission to start was obtained and building began in October.

Nursing

The Hospital has been more adequately and effectively staffed, both by fully trained Nurses, and Assistants, than in recent years, apparently due to its now being an Assistant Nurses' Training School.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Immunisation in relation to Child Population

Primary Immunisations Completed during 1953.				Total Immunised Child Population at 31st December, 1953.						
Under 1	1-4 years	5-15 years	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-15	Total under 15
51	41	19	8	64	102	100	107	625	536	1542

(1) Children aged 0-2 years immunised during year, 50.3% of Live Births.

(2) Children aged 2-9 immunised during year, some aged 4-9 by reinforcement doses, 85.5% of school entrants during year.

TUBERCULOSIS

DEVIZES BOROUGH

(A) Notifications:			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
Age Group	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total		
0—10	—	1	1	1	—	1		
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—		
15—25	—	1	3	—	—	—		
25—35	—	3	1	—	—	—		
35—45	5	—	5	—	—	—		
45—65	2	1	3	—	—	—		
Over 65	1	—	1	—	—	—		
TOTALS	8	6	14	1	—	1		

DEVIZES BOROUGH

(B) Deaths:			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
Age Group	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total		
0—10	—	—	—	—	—	—		
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—		
15—25	—	—	—	—	—	—		
25—35	—	—	—	—	—	—		
35—45	—	1	1	—	—	—		
45—65	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Over 65	—	—	—	—	—	—		
TOTALS	—	1	1	—	—	—		

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

During the year under review, the quantities of water pumped were as follows:—

Shepherds Shore Waterworks	...	...	131,524,000 gallons
Bourton Waterworks	...	...	114,115,000 gallons
Total	...	...	<u>245,639,000 gallons</u>

Water Supplied.

To Military Camps	...	...	68,677,000 gallons
To R.D.C. (including Roundway Hospital	...	...	43,911,000 gallons
To Borough	...	...	133,051,000 gallons

The inadequacy of the main from the reservoirs to the town has caused increasing complaint as to failure of pressure, and resulting inadequacy of supply in certain areas throughout the year.

The Rural District Council helped by acquiescing in the restriction of their supply from the Borough at peak periods; and Roundway Hospital, too, only used the supply at night to fill their storage tanks.

The consumption of water in 1953 was double than in 1935 but still reaches users through the same 8" main which was laid over 70 years ago. Augmentation by another main is imperative.

Drainage and Sewerage

Work commenced on extensive reconstruction and modernisation of the Main Sewage Disposal Works in May, 1953. This involved new screens, new inlet, two stormwater overflows, alterations to the primary sedimentation tanks, seven new filter beds, 24 new sludge beds, sludge drainage pumping station and new outfall sewer above ground. This should cope adequately with the demand from existing flows, and allows for needful extension if the population increases. Samples of effluent examined continued unsatisfactory, this being indicative of an overloaded plant.

Nuisance arose again from defective drains, this time from St. John's Court. In the absence of either drainage plans to consult, or manholes to give access, occurrences of this kind set your Sanitary Inspector very awkward problems. Excavations to unearth the source of offence disclose a jig-saw puzzle of criss-crossing, interconnecting and redundant old drain pipes; in fact, a sort of rat-run exists, not metaphorically only, for the rats are sometimes there, too. Old drains, many laid down long before Model Byelaws, Sanitary Laws or Health Officials were thought of, lie under the houses and streets of the older parts of the Borough. When nuisance arises, the work entailed is extensive, time-consuming and cannot be skimped. The next step forward should be to replace the old town sewer, bit by bit.

Housing

Steady progress has been made. The two housing estates at Home Farm and Hillworth are developing well. On these sites, houses of varying types are being built, both traditional and new traditional.

Home Farm Estate.

	Traditional		New Traditional	
Two Bedrooms	...	6	...	...
Three Bedrooms	...	52	...	33 (Reema)
Four Bedrooms	...	—	...	3 (Reema)

Hillworth Park.

Three Bedrooms	...	38	...	48 (Cornish Unit)
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(Type K for Sale)

Houses erected during 1953

by Local Authority	51
by Private Enterprise	18

Progress of Post War Schemes at 31.12.53.

Houses completed and occupied	...	...	...	261 (301 units)
Houses under construction	...	...	...	81
Houses authorised but not commenced	4

Temporary Bungalows.

Aluminium Bungalows	20
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Some of the worst cases of overcrowding have been re-housed during the year, as well as the occupants of a score of substandard houses. The housing effort still has to cater mainly for numbers of families either without a roof of their own, or where the advent of children has rendered their occupation of the one- or two-bedroomed flats inadequate.

In June, 1953, a check on the list of applicants for re-housing reduced the figure of 500 (519) to 300 (312), at which figure it stood at the year's end (309). Of 85 persons re-housed in new dwellings during 1953, the larger number consisted of young married couples living with parents or as lodgers. This figure is classified below:—

1.	Lodging with parents or otherwise homeless	...	...	32
2.	From sub-standard houses	...	...	19
3.	To relieve statutory overcrowding	...	...	8
4.	Transferred from Duplex Flats	...	...	24
5.	Into smaller houses	...	...	2

Our one- and two-bedroomed flats have served, as shown above, a very useful purpose but there is an unhappy side, too. Any couples with an infant (or expecting one) fortunate enough to start life in a one-bedroomed flat have rapidly climbed the housing ladder as children came along and grew up, without ever having to experience the depressing living conditions which equally deserving families married earlier have had to put up with for years past.

Housing programmes to date have had little effect on the slum problem. At a ration of 40-50 houses per annum, there is no prospect of any wholesale slum clearance yet awhile, as the number of dwellings incapable of being reconditioned or improved and needing demolition is 250—on a conservative estimate.

Certain areas within the old Borough boundary lend themselves to “ Redevelopment ” as “ Redevelopment Areas.” A scheme for the Sheep Street area was accepted by your Council on the 30th July, 1953, and was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. To date, 5th May, 1954, their decision has not reached us.

A second area, along the Nursery and Canal side to Rotherstone could also provide space for rehousing and demolition, to be worked in together and similarly treated. To permit these, however, several acres of fresh land must be obtained. Towards this end, a scheme for the compulsory purchase of Drake's Farm, between the Railway and Nursteed Road, was adopted and sent up for Ministerial sanction. A Public Inquiry was held on the 13th October, 1953, and this was turned down in January, 1954, so after months of unforeseen delay, your Authority must think again and try elsewhere.

Your most urgent need is for small dwellings acceptable to Old Age Pensioners, and cheaper homes for lower paid families. This is essential if those now occupying your slums are to be re-housed. Unless the State subsidises such dwellings above the already high figure now compulsory, the Council may have to consider a scheme of differential rents, whereby those able to pay an economic rent assist those who obviously cannot.

During the year, one Corporate dwelling and one privately owned were demolished; four private dwellings were closed (one of which had already been partially closed) in agreement with owners, and put an end to six houses.

Public Cleansing and Refuse Disposal

The refuse tip at Nursteed was much better kept than in recent years; increased coverage and regular spraying has almost eliminated the fly nuisance to dwellings in the vicinity.

Swimming Pool

The pool was not closed during the year. The number of attendances totalled 24,116.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report

To—The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the
Council of the Borough of Devizes.

*Public Health Department,
The Chequers, Devizes.*

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I have pleasure in presenting my report upon the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year 1953.

The particulars given in the report are in accordance with Ministry of Health Regulations and Requirements.

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187 complaints were received by this department in the course of the year, all of which were dealt with expeditiously.

Housing and Public Health Acts

1.—*Inspection of Dwellings during the year.*

(i)	Inspected for housing defects under P.H. Acts	...	...	...	110
(ii)	Inspected for housing defects under Housing Acts	...	...	...	106
(iii)	Number of dwellings found so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	...	...	...	4

2.—*Remedy of defects by Informal Action.*

Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action	...	82
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3.—*Action under Statutory Powers (Public Health and Housing Acts).*

A. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of Housing Acts, 1936.

1.	No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	Nil
2.	No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices:—					
(a)	By Owners	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—

1.	No. of dwellings in respect of which formal notices were served	...	...	3
2.	No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices:—			
(a)	By Owners	...	...	2
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	Nil

C. Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 Housing Act 1936:—

1.	No. of Demolition Orders made	...	...	1
2.	No. of houses demolished as result of Demolition Orders	...	...	1
3.	No. of undertakings accepted	...	...	3
4.	No. of undertakings completed	...	...	3

D. Proceedings under Section 25 and 26 Housing Act, 1936.

(i)	Number of houses under which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	Nil

E. Proceedings under Section 12 Housing Act, 1936.

(i)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	...	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were cancelled, as result of premises having been made fit	...	...	...	Nil

4.—*Housing Act, 1936—Part IV. Overcrowding.*

(i)	Number of cases of overcrowded dwellings at end of year	...	...	8
(ii)	Number of cases discovered during year	...	...	16
(iii)	Number of cases abated during year	...	...	8

The Council have rehoused 3 families where a member was suffering from notifiable tuberculosis.

Dirty Houses

Three complaints were received regarding dirty conditions of neighbouring houses. Two cases were dealt with effectively and the third was merely general untidiness.

Verminous Houses

Eight houses infested with vermin were treated with liquid D.D.T. In three instances a second application was necessary but the final results were satisfactory.

Water Supply

Complaints about poor water supply due to low pressures on certain days at a dwelling, guest house and cafe were received by the Department. The matter was referred to the Water Committee for action. A scheme for a new water main from the reservoirs to the town is now under consideration.

Foods

The total number of food premises in the Borough is 107:—8 Bakehouses; 20 Grocers; 6 Grocers/Greengroceries; 7 Greengrocers; 1 Greengrocer/ Sweets; 1 Greengrocer/Wet Fish; 1 Wet Fish; 1 Wet Fish/Vegetables; 1 Butcher/Wet Fish and Poultry; 6 Butchers, 4 Fried Fish Shops; 7 Butchers; 2 Bacon Shops; 4 Dairies; 2 Pie Shops; 5 Sweet Shops; 1 Wholesale Grocer; 1 Wholesale Sweet Warehouse; 29 Licensed Premises.

The number of food premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, is 54:—4 Fried Fish Shops; 13 prepared meat premises; 4 dairies; 33 premises for sale of ice cream (three manufacture and sell; 30 prepacked ice cream). Ten licensed premises do catering.

53 inspections were made of registered premises during the year.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Shop Act, 1950

108 visits and inspections were made of food premises during the year. Instructions to carry out repairs and decorations were complied with at three bakehouses, a cafe, butcher's shop, milk bar, three grocery shops and a wholesale food warehouse. Structural defects and insanitary condition of a beer cellar were remedied at a licensed club.

Occasional visits were made to the open and closed markets and an "eye" kept on Food Traders.

Several "blown" tins were confiscated from food traders' stands in the open market.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52

There are three ice cream manufacturers in the town. Ice cream Heat Treatment Regulations are rigidly enforced and record charts are frequently inspected.

In accordance with instructions, improvements were carried out at two premises.

Four traders ceased to sell ice cream and a further application for registration of premises were granted. The total number of traders dealing in ice cream in the Borough is 33.

Several calls were received from butchers with regard to unfit meat—chiefly bone taint. On two occasions deep-seated abscesses were found in the hind quarters of beef. A consignment of sheep's heads had spoiled during transit. A few bovine livers were affected by "flukes" (*Distoma Hepaticum*)—the parts so affected were condemned and the remaining portions passed as fit for human consumption.

Foods condemned as unfit for human consumption were used for pig feeding after careful sorting, and the remainder buried at the Borough refuse tip.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

Periodical visits were made of the four dairies. There were no visible causes for complaint to the managements.

Nevertheless, in consequence of a complaint from a consumer that the "keeping" quality of her supply of milk was poor, samples of milk and specimen washed milk bottles were submitted for bacterial analysis and the results were reported as satisfactory.

Meat Inspection

Meat inspection has been carried out during the year at the Central Wiltshire Bacon Company's factory, the only licensed slaughterhouse in the Borough. Carcasses and organs, etc., were inspected in accordance with methods recommended by the Ministry of Food Memo 3/Foods.

The total number of pigs slaughtered 15,945

The total number of pigs inspected 12,104

The total number of pigs examined by management 3,841

Pig carcasses/organs or parts condemned as being unfit for human consumption were as follows:—

All Diseases except Tuberculosis.

Whole Pigs	...	...	...	...	12
Organs or parts of carcasses	...	...	...	...	637
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.					5.2627%

Tuberculosis.

Whole Pigs	...	...	...	...	9
Organs or parts of carcasses	...	...	...	...	361
Percentage of number inspected affected with T.B.					3.0566%

The following pig carcasses/organs or parts were condemned as unfit for human consumption:—

Tuberculosis.

Whole Pigs	...	...	...	9	(1,476 lbs.)
Heads	...	...	...	234	(3,311 lbs.)
Plucks	...	...	...	202	
Mesenteries	...	...	...	52	
Spleens	...	...	...	40	
Livers	...	...	...	15	
Flecks	...	...	...	2	

Other Causes.

Whole Pigs	...	...	...	12	(1,532 lbs.)
Heads	...	...	...	1	(15 lbs.)
Plucks	...	...	...	154	
Livers	...	...	...	278	
Kidneys	...	...	...	44	
Hind Quarters	...	...	...		( 75 lb.)
Flecks	...	...	...	1	
Hocks	...	...	...	2	
Gammons	...	...	...	2	(40 lb.)
Mesenteries	...	...	...	13	

Unsound Foods Condemned and Surrendered

Beef	...	...	...	405 lbs.
Eggs	...	...	...	595
Sheeps' Heads (30)	...	...	...	199 lbs.
Fish Cakes	...	...	...	6 lbs.
Bovine Livers	...	...	...	18 lbs.
Cheese	...	...	...	2 lbs. 10 ozs.
Pork Chops	...	...	...	50
Fish	...	...	...	9 lbs.
Bacon	...	...	...	13 lbs.
Pork Sausages	...	...	...	301 lbs.
Faggots	...	...	...	15 lbs.
Turkeys (2)	...	...	...	26 lbs.
Case of Rabbits	...	...	...	60 lbs.
Biscuits	...	...	...	19 lbs.
Cake Mixture	...	...	...	32 lbs.

Bottle Orange Juice ...	...	...	1
Jars of Jam ...	...	...	9
Cereals ...	...	...	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Sweets ...	...	...	120 lbs.
Butter ...	...	...	2 lbs.
Fruit Cake ...	...	...	6 lbs.
Christmas Pudding ...	...	...	2
Dried Fruit ...	...	...	90 lbs.
Cocoanut Macaroons ...	...	...	43 lbs.
Jars of Pickles (5) ...	...	...	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Jars Lemon Curd ...	...	...	3
Meat Paste (Jars) ...	...	...	1

Canned Foods.

Meats ...	...	(117)	117 lbs.	1 oz.
Milk ...	...	( 84)	110 lbs.	2 ozs.
Fish ...	...	( 25)	25 lbs.	14 ozs.
Vegetables ...	...	(132)	131 lbs.	1 oz.
Fruit ...	...	(712)	951 lbs.	1 oz.
Soups ...	...	( 18)	22 lbs.	

One case of suspected food poisoning was notified to this Department. Laboratory reports upon specimens of food and the patient's stools submitted for analysis proved negative.

Public Health Act, 1936

Legal proceedings were instituted against an owner in default of carrying out work to remedy structural defects to abate serious nuisances at a dwelling-house. As the owner was adjudged bankrupt, the magistrates issued nuisance orders for some of the work to be done within six months and imposed fines totalling £2 and costs.

Five houses were provided with sinks and internal water supplies and two houses with additional water closets.

Investigations into the cause of the foul and choked condition of two watercourse ditches revealed that sewage was responsible, i.e., septic tank raw sewage effluent. In one instance, the "dip" pipes in the septic tank had broken off. The bacteria beds had become choked and the untreated effluent was passing direct to the watercourses. The necessary work was carried out satisfactorily.

A farmer was required to prevent seepage of liquor to ditch from farmyard by weekly removal of manure,

Poor coal and careless stoking of a boiler at a factory caused smoke to be emitted over prolonged periods. After giving advice to the management, observations were made and complaints ceased.

Nuisances were abated at two piggeries through informal action.

A house was fumigated after the removal to hospital of a case of Scarlet Fever.

Factories Act, 1937

Sanitary accommodation was reconstructed at a factory to provide two additional waterclosets, urinal accommodation, cloaks and washing facilities with hot and cold water, as a result of informal procedure.

Rodent Control

Mr. A. E. Perrett, the Rodent Operator, has been in hospital since he became ill in November, 1953. In consequence, Rodent Control virtually ceased except for reported cases which were regarded as urgent, when the writer gave the necessary attention. During this period, a very serious infestation occurred which involved two farms, a piggery, two sports pavilions and a ditch on both

sides of the Borough boundary. The respective owners were most co-operative and carried out the necessary treatment under the supervision of the Rural District Sanitary Inspector and myself. The results were satisfactory.

The Borough and Rural District Councils continue to share the Rodent Operator's services on alternative weeks. Mr. J. E. Hopkins, Borough Treasurer, deals with financial matters and the records are kept by the writer.

The services of the Rodent Operator are obtainable upon application by occupiers of infested premises. Private dwellings receive free treatment and business premises are charged upon a cost basis laid down by the Council. The Ministry and the Council share an equal proportion of the net cost of the service.

The procedure of prebaiting and poisoning is carried out as specified by the Ministry of Food.

Owing to Mr. Perrett's illness, the sewers received one treatment only.

The refuse tip and both sewage disposal works received several treatments during ten months of the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul- tural	Other Premises	TOTAL
1. Total number of Properties in Local Authority's District	5	2310	23	519	2857
2. Number of properties inspected during the 15 months ended 31.3.54 as a result of (a) notification (b) survey under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, (c) otherwise ...	(a) 3 (b) 2 (c) —	48 47 32	8 7 —	9 — 59	68 56 91
3. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infected by rats. ...	Major 3 Minor 2	8 120	9 7	— 9	20 138
4. Number of properties infested by mice Particulars	—	—	—	—	—
5. Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	5	120	—	9	134
6. Number of notices served under Sec. 4 Structural Works (ie., proofing) ...	1	31	—	7	39
7. Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following issue of notice under Section 4	—	—	—	—	—
8. Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
9. Number of "block" control schemes carried out	23				

Petroleum Acts

A new steel tank and flameproof petrol pump was fixed, pressure tested and licence granted.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	40	11	4	—
Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	1	—	—	—
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	29	6	6	—
TOTAL ...	70	17	10	—

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	2	2	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:—					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	4	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	—	—	—
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	10	11	—	—	—

Summary of Duties—1953

Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	341
Nuisance complaints attended to	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
Nuisance abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Yards Paved	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Smoke Nuisances dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Interviews with owners/builders/representatives	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
Drains smoke tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Drains colour tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Drains water tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Visits to works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	272
Visits Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
Visits re Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
Visits re Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Visits re Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Visits re T.B. case	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Visits re Dirty Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Visits re Shop Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses fumigated after case of Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses fumigated to exterminate vermin (Bed Bugs)	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Visits to food premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Visits to dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Samples of milk submitted for analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Milk Bottles submitted for bacterial analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits re Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Petrol tanks pressure tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premises rat-proofed	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Notices Served—							
(a) Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(b) Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
Miscellaneous Correspondence	...	...	...	...	...	...	148
Complaints referred to Borough Surveyor's Dept.	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Petroleum licences issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Carbide licences issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Slaughterhouse licences issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

KENNETH WILDEY,
Sanitary Inspector.

